

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
March 19, 2012
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Santangelo called the meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.**

a) Items added to "Other Matters"

South District outsource impact on central fire district update

2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Robert Santangelo
Commissioner Phil Pessina
Commissioner Hope Kasper
Commissioner Thomas Serra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Debbie Kleckowski

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Gary Ouellette
Bill Oliver

PUBLIC PRESENT:

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Santangelo moved to approve February 27, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Pessina moved the motion. Commissioner Kasper seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE – none

6. MONTHLY REPORT

- 338 calls for service for February. This number is down significantly - 417 in February 2011. February 2011 numbers were high because of building collapse and snow storms.
- 27 service calls to Wesleyan University
- Alarms –82 service calls to Wesleyan
- FMO- 15 Wesleyan Inspections
- The two new firefighters in the academy are in week 5 and are doing fine.
- 3 new vehicles (Ford Escapes) are in service in the Fire Marshal's Office
- Passed two old vehicles down to Alarms Division. Chief Ouellette is going to Finance & Government next month to discuss passing a vehicle down to IT department, which will be used to transport equipment.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Computer issues at MFD – IT Department upgraded all computers to Windows 10 at Middletown Fire Department. . Still waiting on installation of MDTs (mobile data terminal). Commissioner Serra wants computer issues resolved. Bill Oliver feels IT department is understaffed. IT department is spread thin at this time. IT department needs to consist of at least 8-13 people in order to be staffed adequately. Commissioner Serra wants a proposal from IT Department to see what their exact staffing needs are. Public Safety is *not* in jeopardy due to the fact that MDT's are not up and running.
- b) South Fire District and CVH – Commission wants an overtime summary included every month going forward. Commission wants to see impact on MFD due to South Fire covering CVH. Commission wants to see the comparison from September (2011) through March (2012)
- c) Bridge Issues – Status quo
- d) Telephone upgrades – Main Street location needs to be rewired and equipment relocated. IT Department is scheduled to have a meeting with the Mayor to discuss just what is needed in order to upgrade phone system. IT will be making presentation to Council in April (Bond proposal for April). IT department is ready to make presentation to Bond Council in April.
- e) Headquarters Generator - Mayor's office is scheduled to have a meeting with Honeywell in next 24 hours. The cost for the Fire Department repair is down to \$4,000 from \$13,000.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Truck 1- Truck 1 is on its last week of training. It will be going to the dealer next week for preventative maintenance. It will go into service by end of next week. The new truck is still being stored in Portland for the time being.

9. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee

Telecommunication meeting on April 2, 2012 was cancelled due to the fact that there was no quorum.

10. OTHER MATTERS –

11. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

-Commissioner Kasper questioned the completion of the hydrant marker installation. Chief Ouellette said the water department is still in the process of installing the hydrant markers.

-Chief Ouellette informed the commission that a response was received from FEMA on Mile Lane property and they have approved the city's application. The final step will be the Army Corps approval and then the city should be acquiring the property.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Santangelo moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pessina moved the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Krupa
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON April 16, 2012 & May 21, 2012